is indefatigable but he is rather getting into a style of work which is rather Bibliographical than botanical His index to the 1st edition of Linnaeus Species just received is to my mind of no use whatever – His Eucalyptus work is however really good and important

With kindest remembrances to Mrs Gray believe me

Ever yours most sincerely

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May 28/80

My dear Gray

I received last night yours of the 16th and this morning sent off from Kew the Gen. Pl. vol I. II. and III part I by post registered to Mrs L. L. Ward and I was obliged however to send vol II. in the two separate parts as the whole volume in cloth boards weighs just over the 4 lb allowed by post – The £5.10.0 you sent just covers the whole cost and expences – Our best thanks for your active agency

the work keeps up a steady though slow sale on the Continent and though we shall not make our fortunes by it yet we shall be repaid our expenses and a little over — It has cost us much labour but appears generally to give satisfaction — and you have been a most kind friend to it

De Candolle is looking forward with great pleasure to your promised visit to Geneva — It is just fifty years ago that he was over here for some time assisting in Walleich's distributions and then I saw a great deal of him and we had pleasant visits together at old Lamberti in Willsheim and elsewhere. His new work on Phytographie has just reached us there is a great deal that is good in it but which might perhaps have been put into fewer words — It may however have more influence as it is — As yet in such matters we have nothing so good as your last textbook — De Candolles indications of the herbaria etc where the collections of travellers and authors are deposited is useful — Mueller of Melbourne